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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Director for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 42, insert pages 1-9 enclosed herewith.

 $\sqrt{\mbox{On page 38, line 26, after "C'" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:7) --.}}$

On page 38, line 28, after "C'" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:8) --.

On page 39, line 7, after "TATTACTTTCCNAAYTAYCA" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:9)--.

On page 39, line 10, after "TCGTATGGCATNACCTGNCC" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:10)--.

On page 40, line 9, after "GTCAATATGCTGTTCAAG" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:11)--.